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RULES

AND

REGULATIONS

OF THE

MONTREAL

Hibernian Benevolent

SOCIETY.

MONTREAL;

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SPECTATOR OFFICE.

1825.

Agreeably to a Resolution of the 17th May, the following RULES *and* REGULATIONS, *for the Government of the Society, were drawn up by a Committee of five; which, upon being read at a General Meeting of the Society, were unanimously adopted, and ordered to be printed.*

NAMES OF THE GENTLEMEN COMPOSING THE COMMITTEE.

MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN, ESQ.
R. L. MORROUGH, ESQ.
JAMES BROWN, ESQ.
REVD. WILLIAM JOHN[illegible]N.
MR. WILLIAM RYAN.

HIBERNIAN

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The objects of this institution are to afford relief to its Members, who may be out of employment, or who may be prevented from pursuing their ordinary occupations by sickness, or any bodily or mental infirmity.

1st.—The business of this Society shall be conducted by a Committee of Thirteen, including a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary; to be elected annually by ballot, on the 17th day of February, unless the same shall fall on a Sunday or Holyday; in such case the election shall take place on the day following. The officers shall commence to fill their respective situations on the 17th of March, in each year.

2d.—Whoever, upon being elected to any of the above situations, will refuse to accept of the same, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five shillings currency towards the funds of the Society.

3d.—That two Stewards shall be appointed by the Committee to officiate for the period of one month; the appointment to be always made on the night of the monthly meeting, previous to their entering into office, in order to afford them time to shew reason, if any they may have, why they should not be required to accept of the office; as to the sufficiency or insufficiency of which reason, the President's opinion shall be decisive.

4th.—The President, and in his absence the Vice-President, shall order and superintend the execution and observance of all the Rules, Bye-Laws, orders and Resolves of the Society, and shall on all occasions, be considered as the representative and head of the Society.—But in case of the absence of both the President and Vice-President, from any of the meetings the members present shall appoint a person to preside.

5th.—The Treasurer shall receive all sums of money proceeding from the subscriptions and monthly contributions of the Members, or arising from the interest of Stock belonging to the Society out of these monies; he shall pay all demands on the Society, accounting for the receipts and disbursements in the manner following.

viz :—at the general meeting on the 17th of February of every year, he shall give in an account current, shewing the balance for the twelve months preceding, and every specific item of receipt and disbursement during that period, together with the vouchers thereto annexed ; which statement shall be examined by a Committee appointed especially for that purpose ; he shall also deliver every month if possible, an account of the money in his chest, or at interest, that the society, may be enabled to augment or reduce their allowances accordingly.—He shall not pay any money out of the Society without having received an order signed by the Secretary or Deputy Secretary, and countersigned by the President or Vice-President, which order he shall produce every month when the Society meets.

6th.—The SECRETARY shall keep a fair and faithful register of all the proceedings of the Society, and shall keep and be accountable for all the books, papers, and effects belonging to the Society ; the papers and books in use in the hand of the Treasurer excepted.

7th.—The STEWARDS shall attend to, and execute the orders of the President and Treasurer, in every thing connected with the appropriation of money. They shall also visit sick members at the desire of the President, and report to him. In case of the death of any Member, they shall, if their services are required, give their personal attendance, and aid to effect his decent burial, at which it is expected that all Members will attend.

8th.—All monies belonging to the Society, together with all Bank receipts, Bills, Notes and Bonds, shall be deposited in a chest, obtained for that purpose, having on it three locks and three keys, each lock and key being of a different description and structure ; one of which keys will be carried by the President, one by the Treasurer, and one by the Secretary, who must all be present whenever it shall be necessary to open the said chest. And in case of refusal on the part of any of the above officers to attend on all occasions when requisite, being duly notified of the same, he shall pay the sum of 20 Shillings currency into the funds of the Society.

9th.—Every person of good moral character, from the age of 21 to 50, is qualified to become a Member of the Society, without any national or religious distinction.

10th.—Every person desirous of becoming a Member of this Society, shall be reported in writing to the President, by one of the members, stating the name, occupation, and place of residence of the Candidate.

11th.—No person shall be considered a Member of the Society unless he be elected by four-fifths of the members present.

12th.—The election of a Member shall take place by ballot at the next Meeting after having been proposed, provided the member who proposed him be present.

13th.—Every motion made in the Society shall be in writing, seconded by a member, after which, it shall be delivered to the Presi-

ment to be put to the vote, agreeably to the laws and rules of the Society ; and no motion shall be made or question agitated in the Society, foreign to its object.

14th.—On questions to be decided by a majority of votes, the President shall only vote when they are equally divided.

15th.—Every person on being admitted as a Member of this Society, shall pay the Treasurer the sum of 10 shillings currency, and *one shilling and three pence*, his monthly contribution in advance—and no member being in arrears with the Society shall be entitled to vote.

16th.—There shall always remain in the chest the sum of £10, for the payment of the contingent demands of the Society : The residue of the money collected shall be placed at interest agreeably to law.

17th.—No officer belonging to the Society shall be dismissed from his situation unless he be pronounced unworthy of holding it by four-fifths of the members present at one of the quarterly meetings, or at a meeting called for the special purpose of taking the conduct of such officer into consideration.

18th.—Any member who shall behave in a disorderly manner at any of the meetings of the Society, shall be liable to be expelled that meeting, by the President or person presiding; and if the same member again interrupt the good order of any subsequent meeting, he may be expelled the Society, by ballot of four-fifths of the members present at the next meeting after the motion of his expulsion.

19th.—Any member who shall be guilty of immoral or improper conduct, shall also be liable to be expelled by four-fifths of the members present at any meeting, provided that notice of a motion for his expulsion had been given at the preceding meeting.

20th.—The funds to be raised in this Society by the admission money, and the monthly dues, as before-mentioned, shall not be liable to any diminution for the period of twelve months after the first regular meeting of this Soc[illegible]—with the exception of the sums to be appropriated for stationary, and other articles indispensibly necessary.

21st.—No member of this Society shall be entitled to claim any relief therefrom, until he has been a contributing member thereto, and has paid his admission fees, and monthly dues for the full period of one year from the date of his admission. And when any Member is so entitled, and requires aid from the funds of the Society, he shall make his application in writing, addressed to the President, stating his name and situation, the same to be by the President referred to the Committee, whose duty it shall be to act in such cases, as their judgment and the interest and objects of the Society may direct. No sick or distressed member shall receive more than Twenty Shillings per month out of the funds, unless voted at a general meeting.

22d.—All points of dispute which may arise in this Society, shall be referred to the Committee, whose majority shall be deemed sufficient to determine the same, and after such determination they are

to make a report in writing addressed to the President for the information of the Society. Seven of the Committee shall on all occasions be deemed competent to transact the business of the Society.

23d.—In order to secure the attendance of the Officers of the Society, the following fines shall be rigorously exacted, and added to the funds, viz :

For each absence of the PRESIDENT at the regular Monthly Meeting,	£0 : 5 : 0
For each absence of the VICE-PRESIDENT,	0 : 2 : 6
For each absence of the TREASURER,	0 : 5 : 0
For each absence of the SECRETARY,	0 : 5 : 0
For each absence of the ASSISTANT SECRETARY,	0 : 2 : 6

24th.—When the Stewards and Committee are regularly summoned to attend at as pecial meeting, for the interests of the Society, each and every one of them refusing or neglecting so to attend, shall for each offence pay the sum of 2s. 6d.—and each of the Stewards and members of the Committee, who neglect to attend the stated monthly and quarterly meetings of the Society, unless they can assign good and sufficient reasons for so doing shall pay the sum of two shillings and six pence.

25th.—It shall be lawful for the Committee to form a Code of Bye-Laws for the better government of this Society, and to alter, rescind, and amend any of the foregoing Rules and Regulations, provided it is done according to law, and by and with the consent and approbation of a majority of the Members.

26th.—The foregoing Rules and Regulations shall be printed, and every Member shall receive a copy, on his paying the sum of 7½d. to defray the expences thereof.

27th.—Every Member of this Society shall subscribe his name to the foregoing Rules and Regulations, and if through bad conduct, or other causes to be adjudged by a majority of votes, any member be expelled, in conformity to the true intent and meaning of the Society, he or they so expelled, shall forfeit all sums of money which he or they may have paid previously for the advantage of the funds of the Society.

28th.—Persons residing out of the Province are eligible as honorary members, on paying 5 *dollars* to the funds of the Society.

17*th Nov.* 1824.—The Society adopted the following Resolution.

Resolved.—That henceforth no Apology tendered by the Stewards and Members of the Committee for not attending the stated Monthly and Quarterly Meetings of this Society or special meetings of the committee, be deemed a good and sufficient reason for non attendance unless the same be tendered in writing.

A LIST

OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MONTREAL HIBERNIAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY,
WITH THE DATE OF THEIR ADMISSION.

Lawrence Murphy, Esq.	17th Feb.	1823.
Patrick Phelan,	"	"
John Donnellan,	"	"
Henry Madden,	"	"
Andrew Doyle,	"	"
Patrick O'Connor,	"	"
Michael Connelly,	"	"
Thomas J. Cohile,	"	"
Andrew Byrne,	"	"
P. Rottatt,	"	"
Peter Miler,	"	"
Thomas Ryan,	"	"
Martin Cullen,	"	"
Peter Flynn,	"	"
James McGowan,	"	"
James Scullin,	"	"
Patrick McLaughlin,	"	"
Michael O'Sullivan, Esq.	"	"
James C. Grant, Esq.	"	"
Doctor R. Nelson,	"	"
James Brown, Esq.	"	"
James Maloy,	"	"
Jos. T. Gaudet,	"	"
Dennis Cotteral,	"	"
Hon. Ch. De Sallaberry,	"	"
James McGill Desrivieres Esq.		"
Rev. Wm. Johnson,	"	"
Rev. Mr. Easton,	"	"
Miles Kavanagh,	"	"
James Kavanagh,	"	"
Rodger McGill,	"	"
Patrick Buckley,	"	"
Patrick J. Clohecy,	"	"
John Delisle, Esq.	"	"
Peter Lavery,	"	"
Daniel Murray,	"	"
R. L. Murrough, Esq.	"	"
Thomas Nolan,	"	"
Francis O'Kane,	"	"
P. N. Rossiter, Esq.	"	"
Patrick Boyle,	17th March,	1823.
Michael Connelly,	"	"
John Cunroy,	"	"
William Eydam,	"	"
Col. De Rouville,	"	"
Francis Mullen,	"	"
William McCurdy,	"	"
James McCabe,	"	"
John O'Flaherty,	"	"
Bernard Raverty,	17th March,	1823
Robert O'Kane,	"	"
William Ryan, Esq.	"	"
Francis H. Taylor,	"	"
Thomas Byrne,	17th May,	1823
Hugh Calder,	"	"
James Fitzgibbon,	"	"
James D. Gibb,	"	"
William H. Hughes,	"	"
Dennis Murray,	"	"
Nahum Mower,	"	"
Thomas Neegle,	"	"
Benjamin Workman,	"	"
Richard Clark,	17th July,	1823
William Campbell,	"	"
Richard Jacobs,	"	"
Thomas Johnson,	"	"
Doctor Kimber,	"	"
Peter Lukin, Esq.	"	"
Charles Lovis,	"	"
Matthew Maloy,	"	"
Revd. Mr. Taylor, (Boston)		"
P. Murta, Esq.	"	"
Hugh Murray,	"	"
John Murphy,	"	"
John S. McCord, Esq.	"	"
Michael O'Mara,	"	"
Joseph Ross,	"	"
Hugh Turney,	"	"
John Tierney,	"	"
James Thompson,	"	"
William Walker, Esq.	"	"
Alexis Bourret, Esq.	"	"
Robert Craig,	17th Octr.	1823
David Gapl,	"	"
Thomas Gugy, Esq.	"	"
Arthur Mullen,	"	"
Edward McNaughton,	"	"
Hugh McLaughlin,	"	"
James McEwen,	"	"
George Weeks, Esq.	"	"
Hon. C. W. Grant,	17th Novr.	1823
William Withycomb,	"	"
Henry Corse,	17th Decr.	1823
Dennis McCarthy,	"	"
Dennis McAfee,	"	"
John Sexton,	"	"
Thomas Bowers,	"	"
Thomas Madegan,	"	"
Donald McKenzie,	"	"
I. R. Brandon,	"	"
Danl. W. Eager,	"	"
E. W. Whiting,	"	"
Robert Noxon,	"	"
George Yorker,	"	"
Edward Pendergast,	"	"
Meek Milor,	"	"
Stephen Finchlay,	"	"
James Shaw,	"	"
George Cliffe,	"	"
Francis Beattie,	"	"

Jocelyn Waller,	"	"
Wm. Christy,	"	"
Peter Crawley,	"	"
Stephen Leith,	"	"
Revd. Mr. Mignault,	"	"
Doctor Lionais,	"	"
Richard Burk,	"	"
Charles Friel,	"	"
J. Viger,	"	"
Thos. Lussey,	"	"
Alexander Buchanan,	"	"
Peter Dunn,	"	"
Benjemin Stone,	17th Feby.	1824
Joseph Erazer,	"	"
N. H. V. Bennett,	"	"
S. Shaw,	"	"
J. H. Welles,	"	"
Major Byrns,	"	"
C. How.	"	"
Bernard Monaghan,	17th March,	1824
John Packenham,	"	"
——— Martenet,	"	"
John Dodge,	"	"
Robert Stephenson,	"	"
Doctor Roe,	"	"
James Black,	"	"
John Hagan,	"	"
James Genevay,	"	"
D. B. Rollin,	"	"
Jasper Hoisington,	"	"
James Ryan,	"	"
James O'Lone,	"	"
~~Arthur Hoppan,~~	~~17th June~~	~~1824~~
Martin Dun,	17th July	1824

——— Seymour,	"	"
Alexander Workman,	"	"
Edward Herbert,	17th Aug.	1824
Michael Degan,	17th Sept.	1824
——— Jackson,	"	"
Edward Farribault,	"	"
Patrick O'Connell,	"	"
William Calder,	"	"
Richard O'Keefe,	"	"
——— Bradford,	17th Oct.	1824
L. Coman,	"	"
J. McCoughan,	"	"
W. Stanley,	"	"
J. Hall,	"	"
F. Perry,	17th Nov.	1824
Edward Pregan,	17th Dec.	1824
John Welles,	"	"
Philip ~~Brogen~~ Dwyer,	17th Jan.	1825
Michael Kenny,	"	"
Edward Roche,	"	"
Andrew Connellan,	"	"
Morris Kelley,	"	"
James King,	"	"
James F. Smith,	17th Feb.	1825
Donald McDonald,	"	"
John Griffeth,	"	"
George Hewison,	"	"
Charles Baker,	"	"
Alexander Fisher,	"	"
Peter Cooke,	"	"
Francis Antoine Laroque,	17th March,	
P. Letourneux,	"	"
I. D. Bernard,	"	"
G. Stanley.	"	"